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Initial Study / Final Mitigated Negative Declaration

City of Stockton File No. IS9-06 SCH 2006112140

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ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

INTRODUCTION

LSA Associates, Inc. has prepared the following materials for the El Dorado Street Widening project in the City of Stockton. These materials are intended for the use by the City of Stockton and other agencies in their assessment of the project as it pertains to the California Environmental Quality act (CEQA). The CEQA lead agency for the proposed project is the City of Stockton.

The existing El Dorado Street is a 4-lane arterial within an 80-foot public right of way. The street consists of two northbound and two southbound traffic lanes, a two-way-left turn lane, and signalized intersections at Alpine Avenue, Fulton Street, and Churchill Street. Along the residential frontages within the City right of way there is an existing 5-foot landscaped (trees and lawn) separation between the existing curb and existing sidewalk.

It is proposed to widen El Dorado Street from Mariposa Avenue to the Calaveras River. Each side of the existing roadway will be widened to accommodate an additional northbound traffic lane. Existing landscaping between the existing curb and sidewalk on both sides of the street will be removed, and new curb, gutter, 5-foot sidewalks, and street lighting will be constructed. Intersection improvements at Alpine Avenue, Fulton Street, and Churchill Street will consist of replacing signals and modifying left turn lanes. Right of way will be acquired where needed to provide the necessary roadway widths. Displacements of residential or commercial uses are not required to accommodate the proposed improvements. The Calaveras Bridge will not be widened; however the existing curbed median on the bridge will be reconstructed to accommodate the additional northbound lane. Existing median lighting will be relocated to the outside bridge railings.

As presented in the revised project plans in Appendix A, the intersection improvements at Alpine Avenue have been slightly revised to lessen impacts to residents. This change in project design is minor and will not alter the environmental impacts discussed in the Mitigated Negative Declaration.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW DOCUMENTATION

The proposed El Dorado Street Widening project constitutes a "project" in accordance with CEQA. Prior to approving the project, the City of Stockton is proposing to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration to complete the environmental review process.

This Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS9-06) was prepared as the environmental documentation in anticipation of determining that all potentially significant impacts from implementing the project improvements can be mitigated to levels less than significant. Accordingly, a Mitigated Negative Declaration is being considered to provide environmental review and clearance for the project. Information included in this document is intended to clarify the areas of potential environmental concern, while estimating the potential impacts of the project on the environment.

A Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (August, 2006) was distributed for public review on November 29, 2006 for a 30-day review period ending on December 28, 2006. Comments were received

during the review period and are addressed in this document. Therefore, this Final Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the final environmental documentation for the El Dorado Street Widening project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments were received from local and County agencies on the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) as a result of the public review and are attached. The City of Stockton circulated the Draft IS/MND for review to relevant local, County, State, and federal agencies; the distribution list is attached. Correspondence for this project follows:

- Department of Water Resources (December 5, 2006)
- State Clearinghouse (December 27, 2006)
- PG&E (December 27, 2007)
- Gay Wold (December 11, 2007)

A Draft Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft FMND) was prepared and distributed to agencies/parties commenting on the Draft IS/MND. Subsequent to circulating the Draft FMND, the City realized that two comments/responses had inadvertently been included in the Draft FMND from the City Police Department and the Municipal Utilities Department. These comments (from City departments) should have been addressed separately, outside of the Draft FMND process. Accordingly, this second Draft FMND has been revised with an Errata revising the FMND and to separately address the concerns of the Police Department and the MUD.

ERRATA

The Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is amended with this errata to exclude the two City comment letters from the general public comments/responses contained in the FMND. This errata also provides for responding to the two City comment letters through internal City departmental coordination efforts. This coordination is relevant to the proposed project and is, therefore, included in the project record

• The comment letter from the City of Stockton Police Department, dated December 4, 2006, states:

"We recommend the widening project begin at Monterey Avenue instead of Mariposa Avenue. Monterey Avenue is where El Dorado Street narrows, and beginning this project at Mariposa Avenue appears to be one block short of remedying the problems associated with traffic congestion in this area."

The El Dorado Street Widening Project is covered under the approved El Dorado Street Improvement Project Specific Plan, which covers widening of the roadway only to Mariposa Avenue.

• The comment letter from the Municipal Utilities Department, dated December 29, 2006, states:

"Section 8. Hydrology and Water Quality Mitigation Measure WQ-1: Update reference to the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to reflect the following – The property owner is required to file a Notice of Intent (NOI) with the State Water Resources Control Board prior to commencement of construction activity. Upon receipt of the completed NOI the property owner will be sent a receipt letter containing the Waste Discharger's Identification Number (WDID). The City requires Waste Discharger's Identification Number (WDID) from the State of California Water Resources Control Board to be submitted prior to issuance of a Grading Permit or plan approval. An Erosion control plan is also required

to be incorporated into the project plans and/or grading plans prior to approval. The SWPPP is required to be available on site."

Suggested revisions to Mitigation Measure WQ-1 have been made. The mitigation measure now reads as follows:

The Contractor will obtain a NPDES General Construction Activity Stormwater Permit. Prior to construction, the Contractor shall prepare and implement a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) designed to reduce potential impacts to surface water quality through the construction and operation of the project. The SWPPP will act as the overall program document designed to provide measures to mitigate potential water quality impacts associated with the implementation and operation of the proposed project. The SWPPP shall include:

Specific and detailed BMP's designed to mitigate construction-related pollutants. Specific and detailed BMP's included in the SWPPP shall include practices to minimize the contact of construction materials, equipment, and maintenance supplies (e.g., fuels, lubricants, paints, solvents, adhesives) with storm water. The SWPPP shall specify properly designed centralized storage areas that keep these materials out of the rain.

Specific BMP's designed to reduce erosion of exposed soil may include, but are not limited to: soil stabilization controls, watering for dust control, perimeter silt fences, placement of hay bales, and sediment basins. The potential for erosion is generally increased if grading is performed during the rainy season, as disturbed soil can be exposed to rainfall and storm runoff. If grading occurs during the rainy season, the primary BMP's selected shall focus on erosion control to keep sediment on the site. End-of-pipe sediment control measures (e.g., basins and traps) shall be used only as secondary measures. Entry and egress from the construction site shall be carefully controlled to minimize off-site tracking of sediment. Vehicle and equipment wash-down facilities shall be designed to be accessible and functional both during dry and wet conditions.

A monitoring program will be implemented by the construction site supervisor that includes both dry and wet weather inspections.

Measures shall be designed for all portions of the completed development to mitigate potential water quality degradation.

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PROOF OF PUBLICATION

PROOF OF PUBLICATION NOTICE

FILE COPY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN

THE UNDERSIGNED SAYS:

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of San Joaquin County; I am over the age of 18 years and not a part to or interested in the above-entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of the printer of THE RECORD, a newspaper of general publication, printed and published daily in the City of Stockton, County of San Joaquin and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Stockton and the County of San Joaquin by the Superior Court of the County of San Joaquin, State of California, under the date of February 26, 1952, File No. 52857, San Joaquin County Records; that the notice of which the annexed is a printed copy (set in type not smaller than nonpareil), has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates,

To wit: November 27

All in the year, 2006.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on: 11/27/06 In Stockton, California.

Barbara Takemoto

CITY OF STOCKTON
PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A
NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF MITIGATED
NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR MEETING
(Pursuant to Public Resources Code: Sections: 11092, and 21092,3 and 231, 2006, of Regulations: Title 14;
Sections: 15072, 45073, and 15087)

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The City of Stockton Community Development Department has completed, independently reviewed, and enalyzed the following Proposed Initial, Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration.

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GHRISTINE TIEN, INTERIM-DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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CITY OF STOCKTON ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

CITY OF STOCKTON STATE CLEARINGHOUSE TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS

November 27, 2006

TO: State Clearinghouse

Office of Planning & Research

P.O. Box 3044

Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

FROM: Lead Agency

City of Stockton

c/o Community Development Dept.

Planning Division

345 North El Dorado Street Stockton, CA 95202-1997

SUBJECT: PUBLIC REVIEW OF THE DRAFT INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE

DECLARATION FOR THE CITY OF STOCKON EL DORADO STREET

WIDENING PROJECT (IS9-06)

Enclosed please find <u>15</u> copies of the above-named environmental document for review, comments, recommendations, and distribution to other State agencies which have jurisdiction over one or more aspects of the project. Also enclosed is a list of agencies to which the environmental document and/or related Public Notice of Intent(NOI)/Notice of Completion (NOC) has been referred directly.

Please schedule the review period to end on <u>Thursday, December 28, 2006</u> and return the comments to the above-noted Lead Agency address.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please contact Mark Martin, Project Manager III at the above-noted Lead Agency address or by telephone at (209) 937-8569.

CHRISTINE TIEN, INTERIM DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

By ______ Mark Martin Project Manager III

Date November 16, 2006

CT:MM

Enclosures

CITY OF STOCKTON PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

(Public Resources Code Section 21080(c) and Cal. Code of Regulations Title 14, Sections 15070-15073)

Lead Agency:

City of Stockton

Date of Preparation

c/o Community Development Department/Planning Division

425 North El Dorado Street Stockton, CA 95202-1997

Contact Person: Project Manager III Mark Martin	Phone:	(209) 937-8569
Project Title: El Dorado Street Widening Project		
Initial Study File No.: <u>IS9-06</u> Discretionary Application(s)	File No.(s): _	<u>n/a</u>
Project Applicants: City of Stockton Public Works Department		
Project Description/Location: The City of Stockton Public Works Dep Street from Mariposa Avenue to the Calaveras River. Each side of the accommodate an additional northbound traffic lane. Landscaping between sides of the street will be removed, and new curb, gutter, five-foot sidewalks Intersection improvements at Alpine Avenue, Fulton Street, and Churchill Smodifying left turn lanes. Right of way will be acquired where needed to public Displacements of residential or commercial uses are not required to accommodate the additional northbound lane. Existing median lighting railings.	e existing roan the existing coanthe existing coanthe existing coanthe treet will considered the new modate the dian on the bri	dway will be widened to urb and sidewalk on both anting will be constructed. It of replacing signals and cessary roadway widths. proposed improvements. dge will be reconstructed
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Finding/Determination: The City of Stockton Community Development reviewed and considered the proposed project and has prepared analyzed, a Proposed Negative Declaration and related Initial Study mitigation measures, and related substantial supporting evidence predetermined that the project will not have a significant effect on the of a Negative Declaration Mitigation Agreement is attached, if applicable.	and/or indep y. Based on sented in the e environmer	endently reviewed and project modifications, Initial Study, it has been nt. Therefore, approval
Public Review: A copy of this document and the related Initial Studies above-noted Lead Agency address. Any written comments on these same address by the end of the review period. A public meeting to a Mitigated Negative Declaration will be held by the Community Commission during or following the review period. Public notice of public notice wall of the Community Development Department and in Stockton at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the meeting.	documents r accept oral co Development that meeting	nust be received at that omments regarding the t Director or Planning shall be posted on the
CHRISTINE TIEN, INTERIM DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT		
By Project Manager III Mark Martin		
November 16, 2006		

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CITY OF STOCKTON PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION OR MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION/PUBLIC MEETING

(Pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 21092 and 21092.3 and Cal. Code of Regulations Title 14, Sections 15072, 15073 and 15087)

The City of Stockton Community Development Department has completed, independently reviewed and analyzed the following Proposed Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study:

1. INITIAL STUDY/PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE EL DORADO STREET WIDENING PROJECT (IS9-06) — The City of Stockton Public Works Department proposes to widen El Dorado Street from Mariposa Avenue to the Calaveras River. Each side of the existing roadway will be widened to accommodate an additional northbound traffic lane. Landscaping between the existing curb and sidewalk on both sides of the street will be removed, and new curb, gutter, five-foot sidewalks, and street lighting will be constructed. Intersection improvements at Alpine Avenue, Fulton Street, and Churchill Street will consist of replacing signals and modifying left turn lanes. Right of way will be acquired where needed to provide the necessary roadway widths. Displacements of residential or commercial uses are not required to accommodate the proposed improvements. The Calaveras Bridge will not be widened; however the existing curbed median on the bridge will be reconstructed to accommodate the additional northbound lane. Existing median lighting will be relocated to the outside bridge railings.

A copy of the Initial Study/Proposed Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration may be reviewed and/or obtained at the following address:

Community Development Department Planning Division 345 North El Dorado Street Stockton, CA 95202

Any written comments on this document must be received at this same address no later than <u>December 28, 2006 by 5:00 p.m.</u> Further information may be obtained by contacting the City Planning Division at (209) 937-8266.

CHRISTINE TIEN, INTERIM DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Form A Notice of Completion and Environmental Document Transmittal SCH# Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 El Dorado Street Widening Project City of Stockton Contact Person: Mark Martin, Project Mgr. III Lead Agency: Street Address: 345 N. El Dorado Street Phone: (209) 937-8569 Zip: 95202-1997 City: Stockton. County: San Joaquin Project Location: County: San Joaquin City/Nearest Community: City of Stocktion Cross Streets: Thornton Road, Bear Creek to Pershing Avenue Zip Code: ___95204 Total Acres: n/a Assessor's Parcel No: n/a Section: 27 ____ Twp. 2N Range: 6E Base: MDM Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: __n/a___ Waterways: Calaveras River Airports: n/a Railways: n/a Schools: Cleveland Flementary Wilson Flementary **Document Type:** CEQA: □ NOP NEPA: NO ☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR Other: Joint Document (Prior SCH No.) _ Early Cons ☐ Final Document Mit. Neg Dec Other _ ☐ Draft EIR FONSI **Local Action Type:** General Plan Update ☐ Specific Plan ☐ Rezone Annexation ☐ Prezone ☐ Use Perr General Plan Amendment Master Plan Redevelopment General Plan Element Planned Unit Development Use Permit Coastal Permit Community Plan Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) ○ Other: Street Widening **Development Type:** Residential: Units _ Acres __ ☐ Water Facilities: Type Office: Employees _ Commercial: Sq. ft._ Acres Employees Mining: Mineral Sq. ft.___ Industrial: Watts Acres . Employees Power: Type Educational Waste Treatment: Type 崮 ☐ Recreational Hazardous Waste: Type Other: _____ Funding (approx.): State \$ _____ **Project Issues Discussed in Document:** Aesthetic/Visual Flood Plain/Flooding Schools/Universities Water Quality Agricultural Land Forest Land/Fire Hazard Septic Systems Water Supply/Groundwater Air Quality Geologic/Seismic Wetland/Riparian Sewer Capacity Archeological/Historical Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading Minerals Wildlife Coastal Zone Noise Solid Waste Growth Inducing \times Drainage/Absorption \boxtimes Population/Housing Balance Toxic/Hazardous Landuse Economic/Jobs Public Services/Facilities Traffic/Circulation **Cumulative Effects** Fiscal Recreation/Parks Vegetation Other

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

LU: Public Street Z: n/a GP: Low-Medium Density Residential

Project Description:

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California Highway patrol	——— Energy Commission	
CALTRANS District #	Native American Heritage Commission	
Department of Transportation Planning (Headquarters)	Public Utilities Commission	
Housing & Community Development	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy	
Food & Agriculture	State Lands Commission Tahoe Regional Planning Agency	
Health & Welfare		
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General Services OLA (Schools)		
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Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)		
Starting Date November 27, 2006	Ending Date <u>December 28, 2006</u>	
Signature	Date November 16, 2006	
Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):	For SCH Use Only:	
Consulting Firm: LSA Associates	Date Received at SCH	
Address: 4200 Rocklin Road, Suite 11B		
City/State/Zip: Rocklin. CA 95677	Date Review Starts	
Contact: Kelly Jackson	Date to Agencies	
Phone: (916) 630-4600		
	Clearance Date	
Applicant: City of Stockton Public Works Department	_ Notes.	
Address: 22 East Weber Ave., SEB 3 rd Floor	····	
City/State/Zip: Stockton, CA 95202	_	
Phone: (209) 937-8241 Contact: Clifton Gayotin	_	

CITY OF STOCKTON
ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER
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SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

November 27, 2006

TO: (See Attached List)

FROM:

Lead Agency

City of Stockton

c/o Community Development Dept.

Planning Division

345 North El Dorado Street Stockton, CA 95202

SUBJECT: PUBLIC REVIEW OF THE DRAFT INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE

DECLARATION FOR THE CITY OF STOCKON EL DORADO STREET

WIDENING PROJECT (IS9-06)

Enclosed is a copy of the Public Notice of Intent (NOI) for the above-named environmental document. Also, a copy of the environmental document, with applicable attachments, is also being transmitted to each "Responsible", "Trustee", and other public agency included on the attached list, as applicable. State agencies, however, should obtain the environmental document, with attachments, directly from the State Clearinghouse.

The remaining agencies, organizations and individuals on the attached list are receiving only this transmittal letter and the NOI. Public agencies may obtain a free copy of the above-named environmental document at the above-noted Lead Agency address. Private individuals, organizations, and corporations may purchase a copy of the environmental document for a fee of \$15.00. If mailing is requested, please remit an additional fee of \$5.00 for postage and handling. Checks should be made payable to the City of Stockton and any written orders must identify the project title and document identification number, as noted above.

Any written comments regarding the above-named environmental document must be received at the Lead Agency address no later than <u>Thursday</u>, <u>December 28</u>, <u>2006</u> <u>by 5:00 p.m.</u> If no comments are received by the date indicated, it will be assumed that the document is acceptable. Further information may be obtained by contacting Mark Martin, Project Manager III of the Community Development Department, Planning Division at (209) 937-8569.

CHRISTINE TIEN, INTERIM DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Mark Martin, Project Manager III

Date November 16, 2006

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Campaign for Common Ground c/o Trevor Atkinson P.O. Box 693545 Stockton, CA 95269	County Clerk Patricia Paulson 6 South El Dorado Street, 2nd Floor Stockton, CA 95202

El Dorado Street Widening Project (IS9-06)

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SJ COG 555 E. Weber Avenue Stockton, CA 95202	PG&E-Stockton Division Land Department 4040 West Lane Stockton, CA 95204
SJCO Envr NOA NOI NOP Tech	UTILITY Envr 📝 NOA NOI NOP Tech
SJ Flood Control P O Box 1810 Stockton, CA 95201	SBC 2300 East Eight Mile Road, Room 101 Stockton, CA 95210
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San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District CEQA ISR 1990 E. Gettysburg Ave. Fresno, CA 93726	
STATE Envr 2 NOA NOI NOP Tech	
Caltrans (2) IGR Coordinator, Intermodal Planning P O Box 2048 Stockton, CA 95201	
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Clearinghouse (15) Office of Planning & Research P O Box 3044 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	
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RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

1416 NINTH STREET, P.O. BOX 942836 SACRAMENTO, CA 942360001 (916) 653-5791 --4



December 5, 2006

Mark Martin, Project Manager III-City of Stockton 345 North El Dorado Street Stockton, California 95202-1997

El Dorado Street Widening Project

State Clearinghouse (SCH) Number: 2006112140

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THE FORM THEFT

The project corresponding to the subject SCH identification number has come to our attention. The limited project description suggests your project may be an encroachment on the State Adopted Plan of Flood Control. You may refer to the California Code of Regulations, Title 23 and Designated Floodway maps at http://recbd.ca.gov/. Please be advised that your county office also has copies of the Board's designated floodways for your review. If indeed your project encroaches on an adopted food control plan, you will need to obtain an encroachment permit from the Reclamation Board prior to initiating any activities. The attached Fact Sheet explains the permitting process. Please note that the permitting process may take as much as 45 to 60 days to process. Also note that a condition of the permit requires the securing all of the appropriate additional permits before initiating work. This information is provided so that you may plan accordingly.

If after careful evaluation, it is your assessment that your project is not within the authority of the Reclamation Board, you may disregard this notice. For further information, please contact me at (916) 574-1249.

Sincerely,

Christopher Huitt

Staff Environmental Scientist Floodway Protection Section

cc: Governor's Office of Planning and Research

State Clearinghouse

1400 Tenth Street, Room 121 Sacramento, CA 95814

Encroachment Permits Fact Sheet

Basis for Authority

State law (Water Code Sections 8534, 8608, 8609, and 8710 – 8723) tasks the Reclamation Board with enforcing appropriate standards for the construction, maintenance, and protection of adopted flood control plans. Regulations implementing these directives are found in California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 23, Division 1.

Area of Reclamation Board Jurisdiction

The adopted plan of flood control under the jurisdiction and authority of the Reclamation Board includes the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers and their tributaries and distributaries and the designated floodways.

Streams regulated by the Reclamation Board can be found in Title 23 Section 112. Information on designated floodways can be found on the Reclamation Board's website at http://recbd.ca.gov/designated-floodway/ and CCR Title 23 Sections 101 - 107.

Regulatory Process

The Reclamation Board ensures the integrity of the flood control system through a permit process (Water Code Section 8710). A permit must be obtained prior to initiating any activity, including excavation and construction, removal or planting of landscaping within floodways, levees, and 10 feet landward of the landside levee toes. Additionally, activities located outside of the adopted plan of flood control but which may foreseeable interfere with the functioning or operation of the plan of flood control is also subject to a permit of the Reclamation Board.

Details regarding the permitting process and the regulations can be found on the Reclamation Board's website at http://recbd.ca.gov/ under "Frequently Asked Questions" and "Regulations," respectively. The application form and the accompanying environmental questionnaire can be found on the Reclamation Board's website at http://recbd.ca.gov/forms.cfm.

Application Review Process

Applications when deemed complete will undergo technical and environmental review by Reclamation Board and/or Department of Water Resources staff.

Technical Review

A technical review is conducted of the application to ensure consistency with the regulatory standards designed to ensure the function and structural integrity of the adopted plan of flood control for the protection of public welfare and safety. Standards and permitted uses of designated floodways are found in CCR Title 23 Sections 107 and Article 8 (Sections 111 to 137). The permit contains 12 standard conditions and additional special conditions may be placed on the permit as the situation warrants. Special conditions, for example, may include mitigation for the hydraulic impacts of the project by reducing or eliminating the additional flood risk to third parties that may caused by the project.

Additional information may be requested in support of the technical review of

your application pursuant to CCR Title 23 Section 8(b)(4). This information may include but not limited to geotechnical exploration, soil testing, hydraulic or sediment transport studies, and other analyses may be required at any time prior to a determination on the application.

Environmental Review

A determination on an encroachment application is a discretionary action by the Reclamation Board and its staff and subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code 21000 et seq.). Additional environmental considerations are placed on the issuance of the encroachment permit by Water Code Section 8608 and the corresponding implementing regulations (California Code of Regulations – CCR Title 23 Sections 10 and 16).

In most cases, the Reclamation Board will be assuming the role of a "responsible agency" within the meaning of CEQA. In these situations, the application must include a certified CEQA document by the "lead agency" [CCR Title 23 Section 8(b)(2)]. We emphasize that such a document must include within its project description and environmental assessment of the activities for which are being considered under the permit.

Encroachment applications will also undergo a review by an interagency Environmental Review Committee (ERC) pursuant to CCR Title 23 Section 10. Review of your application will be facilitated by providing as much additional environmental information as pertinent and available to the applicant at the time of submission of the encroachment application.

These additional documentations may include the following documentation:

- California Department of Fish and Game Streambed Alteration Notification (http://www.dfg.ca.gov/1600/),
- Clean Water Act Section 404 applications, and Rivers and Harbors Section 10 application (US Army Corp of Engineers),
- Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification, and
- corresponding determinations by the respective regulatory agencies to the aforementioned applications, including Biological Opinions, if available at the time of submission of your application.

The submission of this information, if pertinent to your application, will expedite review and prevent overlapping requirements. This information should be made available as a supplement to your application as it becomes available. Transmittal information should reference the application number provided by the Reclamation Board.

In some limited situations, such as for minor projects, there may be no other agency with approval authority over the project, other than the encroachment permit by Reclamation Board. In these limited instances, the Reclamation Board

may choose to serve as the "lead agency" within the meaning of CEQA and in most cases the projects are of such a nature that a categorical or statutory exemption will apply. The Reclamation Board cannot invest staff resources to prepare complex environmental documentation.

Additional information may be requested in support of the environmental review of your application pursuant to CCR Title 23 Section 8(b)(4). This information may include biological surveys or other environmental surveys and may be required at anytime prior to a determination on the application.

Response to Comments Department of Water Resources (December 12, 2006)

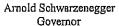
WR-1 Comment noted. If the proposed project does encroach on the State Adopted Plan of Flood Control, the proper permits will be obtained from the Reclamation Board prior to initiating any activities.



STATE OF CALIFORNIA Governor's Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse and Planning Unit



Sean Walsh Director



December 27, 2006

Mark Martin
City of Stockton
Community Development Department
345 N. El Dorado Street
Stockton, CA 95202-1997

Subject: El Dorado Street Widening Project

SCH#: 2006112140

Dear Mark Martin:

The State Clearinghouse submitted the above named Mitigated Negative Declaration to selected state agencies for review. On the enclosed Document Details Report please note that the Clearinghouse has listed the state agencies that reviewed your document. The review period closed on December 26, 2006, and the comments from the responding agency (ies) is (are) enclosed. If this comment package is not in order, please notify the State Clearinghouse immediately. Please refer to the project's ten-digit State Clearinghouse number in future correspondence so that we may respond promptly.

Please note that Section 21104(c) of the California Public Resources Code states that:

"A responsible or other public agency shall only make substantive comments regarding those activities involved in a project which are within an area of expertise of the agency or which are required to be carried out or approved by the agency. Those comments shall be supported by specific documentation."

These comments are forwarded for use in preparing your final environmental document. Should you need more information or clarification of the enclosed comments, we recommend that you contact the commenting agency directly.

This letter acknowledges that you have complied with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. Please contact the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613 if you have any questions regarding the environmental review process.

Sincerely,

Terry Roberts

Director, State Clearinghouse

Enclosures Application of the co: Resources Agency

Document Details Report State Clearinghouse Data Base

SCH# 2006112140

Project Title El Dorado Street Widening Project

Lead Agency Stockton, City of

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Type

MN Mitigated Negative Declaration

Description

The project proposes to widen El Dorado Street from Mariposa Avenue to the Calaveras River. Each side of the existing roadway will be widened to accommodate an additional northbound traffic lane. Landscaping between the existing curb and sidewalk on both sides of the street will be removed, and new curb, gutter, five-foot sidewalks, and street lighting will be constructed. Intersection improvements at Alpine Avenue, Fulton Street, and Churchill Street will consist of replacing signals and modifying left turn lanes.

Lead Agency Contact

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City of Stockton Agency

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email

Address Community Development Department

345 N. El Dorado Street

City Stockton State CA Zip 95202-1997

Fax

Project Location

County San Joaquin

> City Stockton

Region

Cross Streets Thornton Road Bear Creek to Pershing Avenue

Parcel No.

Township 2N Range 6E Section 27 Base

MDM

Proximity to:

Highways **Airports**

Railways

Waterways

Calaveras River

Schools Cleveland ES, Wilson ES

Land Use **Public Street**

GP: Low-Medium Density Residential

Project Issues Aesthetic/Visual; Air Quality; Archaeologic-Historic; Drainage/Absorption; Noise; Soil

Erosion/Compaction/Grading; Toxic/Hazardous; Traffic/Circulation; Water Quality; Wildlife

Reviewing Agencies Resources Agency; Regional Water Quality Control Bd., Region 5 (Sacramento); Department of Parks and Recreation; Native American Heritage Commission; Reclamation Board; Office of Historic

Preservation; Department of Fish and Game, Region 2; Department of Water Resources; California Highway Patrol; Caltrans, District 10; Air Resources Board, Transportation Projects; State Lands

Commission

Date Received 11/27/2006

Start of Review 11/27/2006

End of Review 12/26/2006

Response to Comments State Clearinghouse (December 27, 2006)

SCH-1 Comments noted.



Land Services, 4040 West Lane, Stockton, CA 95204

December 27, 2006

City of Stockton c/o Community Development Dept. Planning Division 345 North El Dorado St. Stockton, CA 95202

Attn: Mark Martin Fax: 209-937-8893

RE: Draft Initial study (IS) for Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

For: El Dorado Street Widening Project, Ph. 2

Loc: El Dorado St., from Mariposa Ave. to Calaveras River, Stockton

City's Ref: IS9-06 dated November 2006

PG&E File: WL 604 (Land)

Dear Mr. Martin,

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this Draft Initial study (IS) for Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the above Project. PG&E has the following comments to offer:

PG&E owns and operates gas and electric facilities which are located within and adjacent to the proposed project. To promote the safe and reliable maintenance and operation of utility facilities, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has mandated specific clearance requirements between utility facilities and surrounding objects or construction activities. To ensure compliance with these standards, project proponents should coordinate with PG&E early in the development of their project plans. Any proposed development plans should provide for unrestricted utility access and prevent easement encroachments that might impair the safe and reliable maintenance and operation of PG&E's facilities.

PG&E has gas distribution facilities along the length of this project and in Apline Avenue, there is a 10" gas transmission main along with distribution facilities; therefore, the requesting party needs to ensure a minimum cover over the gas mains during construction.

PG&E has electric distribution facilities along the length of this project and at the north of Calaveras River, there is a 60 KV electric transmission (ET) line crossing the project area; therefore, the requesting party needs to ensure safety measures for electric transmission facilities during construction.

The requesting party will be responsible for the costs associated with the relocation of existing PG&E facilities to accommodate their proposed development. Because facilities relocation's require long lead times and are not always feasible, the requesting party should be encouraged to consult with PG&E as early in their planning stages as possible.

Relocations of PG&E's electric transmission and substation facilities (50,000 volts and above) could also require formal approval from the California Public Utilities Commission. If required, this approval process could take up to two years to complete. Proponents with development plans which could affect such electric transmission facilities should be referred to PG&E for additional information and assistance in the development of their project schedules.

We would also like to note that continued development consistent with the City's General Plans will have a cumulative impact on PG&E's gas and electric systems and may require on-site and off-site additions and improvements to the facilities which supply these services. Because utility facilities are operated as an integrated system, the presence of an existing gas or electric transmission or distribution facility does not necessarily mean the facility has capacity to connect new loads.

Expansion of distribution and transmission lines and related facilities is a necessary consequence of growth and development. In addition to adding new distribution feeders, the range of electric system improvements needed to accommodate growth may include upgrading existing substation and transmission line equipment, expanding existing substations to their ultimate buildout capacity, and building new substations and interconnecting transmission lines. Comparable upgrades or additions needed to accommodate additional load on the gas system could include facilities such as regulator stations, odorizer stations, valve lots, distribution and transmission lines.

We would like to recommend that environmental documents for proposed development projects include adequate evaluation of cumulative impacts to utility systems, the utility facilities needed to serve those developments and any potential environmental issues associated with extending utility service to the proposed project. This will assure the project's compliance with CEQA and reduce potential delays to the project schedule.

PG&E remains committed to working with the City to provide timely, reliable and cost effective gas and electric service to the planned area. We would also appreciate being copied on future correspondence regarding this subject as this project develops.

The California Constitution vests in the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) exclusive power and sole authority with respect to the regulation of privately owned or investor owned public utilities such as PG&E. This exclusive power extends to all aspects of the location, design, construction, maintenance and operation of public utility facilities. Nevertheless, the CPUC has provisions for regulated utilities to work closely with local governments and give due consideration to their concerns. PG&E must balance our commitment to provide due consideration to local concerns with our obligation to provide the public with a safe, reliable, cost-effective energy supply in compliance with the rules and tariffs of the CPUC.

Should you require any additional information or have any questions, please call me at (209) 942-1419.

Sincerely,

Alfred Poon

Land Agent

Land Rights Protection

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Northern Area

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Response to Comments Pacific Gas and Electric (December 27, 2006)

PD-1 Comments noted. Project Engineers have coordinated with PG&E for the Rule 20 undergrounding project currently underway. The project will require aerial pole relocations along El Dorado Street from Alpine Avenue to the southerly project limits.

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My concerns are about the widening of El Dorado and the adverse affects that will take place as you have planned them, specifically in the front of our building.

Our building is 4115-4155 No. El Dorado Street, Collegeview Shopping Center.

Presently our building, has existed since 1951 as a neighborhood shopping center, has always had existing parking in front of the building on the southbound side of El Dorado Street. The current plans for expansion of El Dorado St., jeopardizes those current legal parking spaces which are criticial to our tenants and their customers.

It is actively used by our tenant's clients for parking every day.

Our building does not have a front parking lot. If you look at other strip centers there is a parking lot that allow their clients ease of accessibility to the front doors. Our building was designed for a market in 1951 (using the back lot parking) and front access parking on El Dorado Street for the other stores. There is no ease of accessibility to the front doors on our building without the continued legal parking as it stands today. Our building is very long and to park on the side and walk to a shop isn't feasible. Many of the storefronts do not have back access doors for a customer to come through. This street parking has

existed for years and is still being used, daily. Also please take note, the street parking was striped for parking spots and with new asphalt being laid recently, striping for each space for parking hasn't been repainted.

If you look at the configuration of the road, the gutter curves into our building walkway space allowing for the room that is off street parking with the absence of "No Parking" signs. If the street is widened without parking mitigation, this will negatively impact all the tenants. Our tenants have spent years servicing local customers (oldest Barber Shop in Stockton – 1951) and depend on the convenience of a neighborhood shopping center.

I would like to address Paragraph 15.; e & f.

- E. Result in inadequate emergency access. If the street was widen and the existing parking became street, and should an emergency vehicle need to access the front of the building; the emergency vehicle would have to stop in the southbound lane. Again, I want to reiterate that many of my spaces do not have access out the back so the front is the only way in & out. Where would the emergency vehicle park or stage themselves if they had to?
- F. Result in inadequate parking capacity. Again the widening of the street reduces the parking spaces available to my tenants clients.

I spoke to Ms Buethe and Mr Gayotin in September regarding my concerns. Mr Gayotin wasn't even aware of the parking we had on the street on El Dorado. His response to me was he would look into my claim, research it and get back to me.

(As recently as Nov. 2; before I received the letter to a public meeting; I left a message for Mr. Gayotin and I have to say I never got a phone call back.)

This parking has been an integral part of the building and functioning for years; allowing clients to come and go without disruption to the traffic flow. This parking area is imperative to the livelihood of my tenants.

If the engineers would be able to include turnout/parking in front of our building this would mitigate the impact on our local businesses and serve as emergency access to the various stores within the building.

Response to Comments Gay Wold (December 1, 2006)

GW-1 Comments noted. The approved El Dorado Street Specific Plan did not envision on-street parking due to the limited space available within the existing right of way. At this time, the City is in consultation with the property owner to determine if on street parking is possible. The loss of onstreet parking spaces is not considered significant since the remaining off-street parking available for this site will continue to meet the minimum zoning/parking requirements.

APPENDIX A: PROJECT PLANS

